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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed September 30, 2003. An extension of time of (1) month is believed to be required. Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered to constitute a Petition for Extension of time for the appropriate number of months and to charge such related fee(s) for the Extension of Time to Deposit Account 06-0540.

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For the convenience of the Examiner, an outline of the response presented in this paper follows.

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A. Introductory Comments

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.121 as Revised, the amendments submitted herewith are made in compliance with the requirements of the "Revised Amendment Practice" which became mandatory on July 30, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the following amendments, which place the subject application in condition for substantive examination, as well as consider the remarks set forth herein.

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